of Central Government officials also met the Chief Minister of Bihar among others and requested for urgent steps to utilise the funds meant for the JRY to mitigate the sufferings of the people affected by drought and flood. It has also been impressed upon the State Government that no further Central assistance would be released to the State Government unless substantial portion of the funds already available with them is spent. The Government of India is constantly reviewing the performance through periodical reports and visits.

Reservation in granting marketing dealership by IPCL

*334 SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited grants dealership for its various products for marketing ;

(b) whether any reservation for SCs and STs is maintained in granting dealership ;

(c) if so, how many SCs and STs were granted dealership ; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to introduce reservation policy in granting dealerships ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) While there is no reservation, applicants who fulfil the pre-requisites of the selection criteria for appointment of distributors, are given preference over others. One SC distributor was appointed by IPCL in the past on this basis.

MRTPC inquiry against Indian Airlines

*335 SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION and TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission (MRTPC) has ordered an inquiry against the Indian Airlines for allegedly indulging in unfair trade practices, if so, the details thereof ; and

(b) whether the Airline is charging executive class fare for four seats on every Airbus-300 aircraft flight although the seats are actually economy class, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) The Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission is seized of a complaint alleging that the airline is charging a higher fare than warranted in respect of some of the seats in the Executive Class of A-300 aircraft.

The Executive Class fare is charged by Indian Airlines for providing a range of superior services in an exclusive section of the aircraft. The fare is not related to any single feature.

Vacant posts of Judges in M.P. High Court

*336. SHRI SHIV PRASAD CHANPURIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is serious discontentment in Madhya Pradesh for not filling up the vacant posts of High Court Judges ;

(b) the number of posts of permanent/temporary/additional Judges which are lying vacant in the Madhya Pradesh High Court ; and

(c) by when posts are likely to be filled up and what are the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI) H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) to (c) As on 13-8-1993, 4 posts of permanent Judges and 3 Posts of Additional Judges were vacant in Madhya Pradesh High Court. The process of consultation among the concerned constitutional authorities for filling up the existing vacancies is ongoing. It is not possible to suggest the time which will be taken to fill up the said vacancies.

Flight safety environment

*337 SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the Air Force airfields in the country which are considered to be flight safety environment risks;

(b) whether any programme has been formulated by Government for improving the flight safety environment around these airforce airfields ; and

(c) what is the extent to which the programme has been implemented and what is the time schedule, if any, or removing the flight safety hazards in the remaining airforce airfields ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : ((a) to (c) Thirty (30) Indian Air Force airfields are